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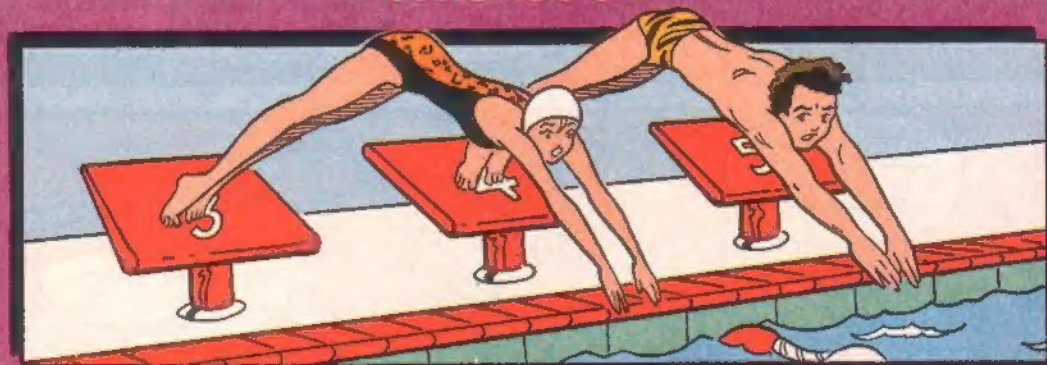
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THE HUMAN CHAIN
— Barbie's on thin ice!



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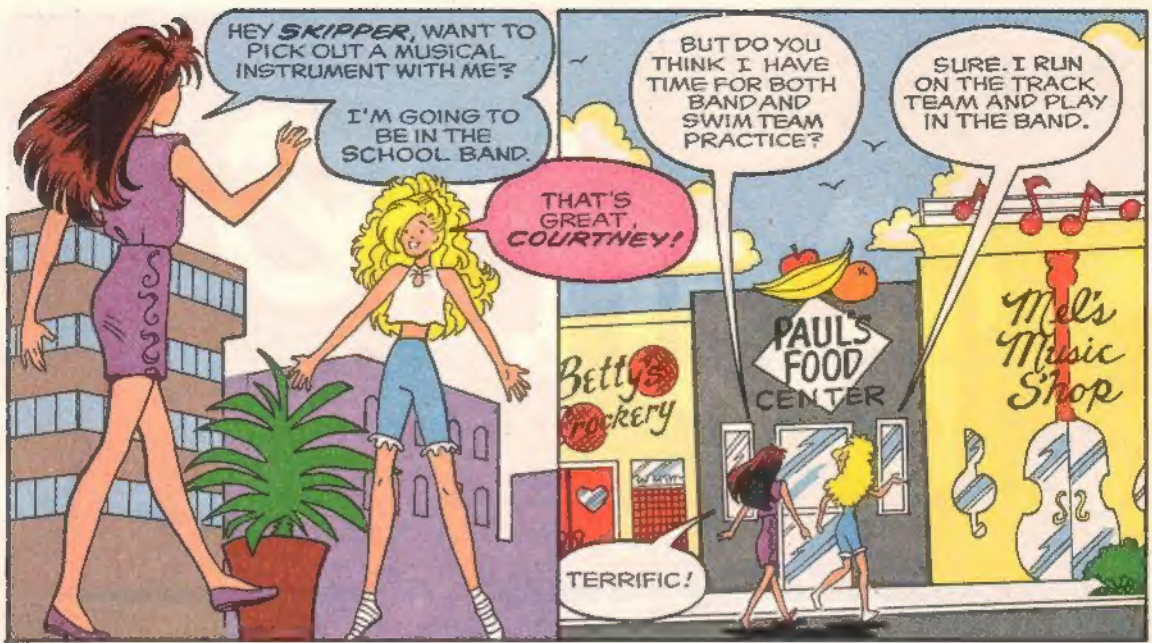
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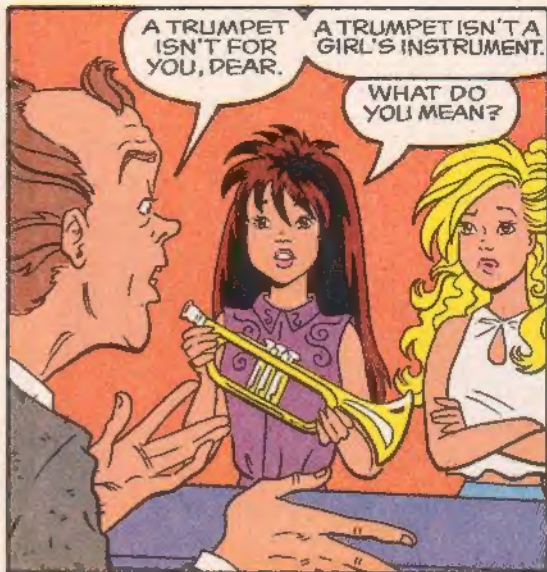
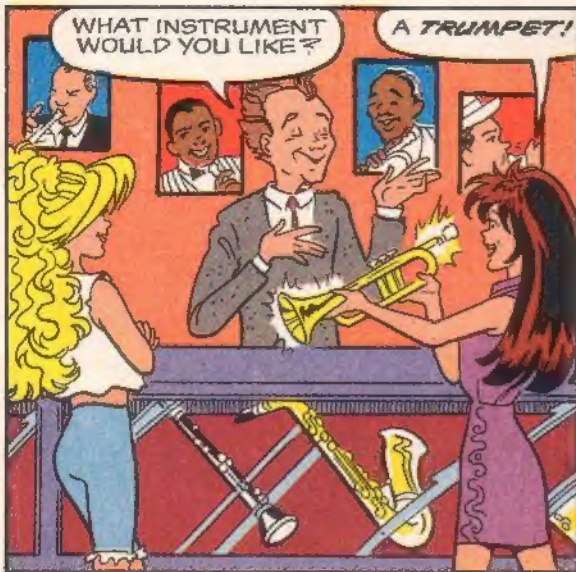
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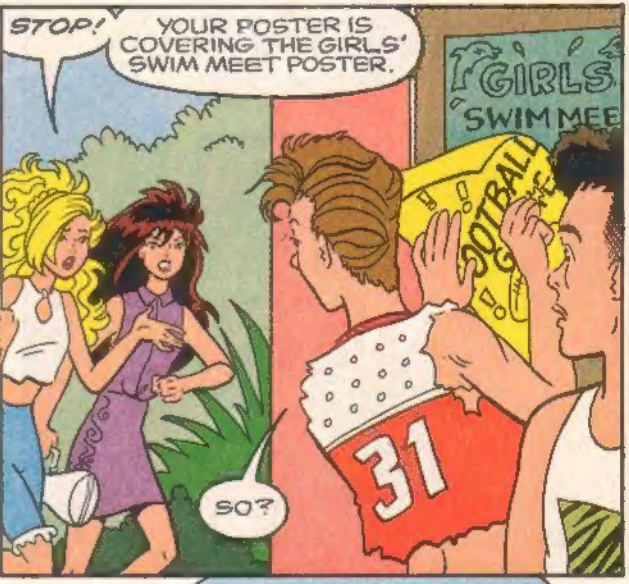
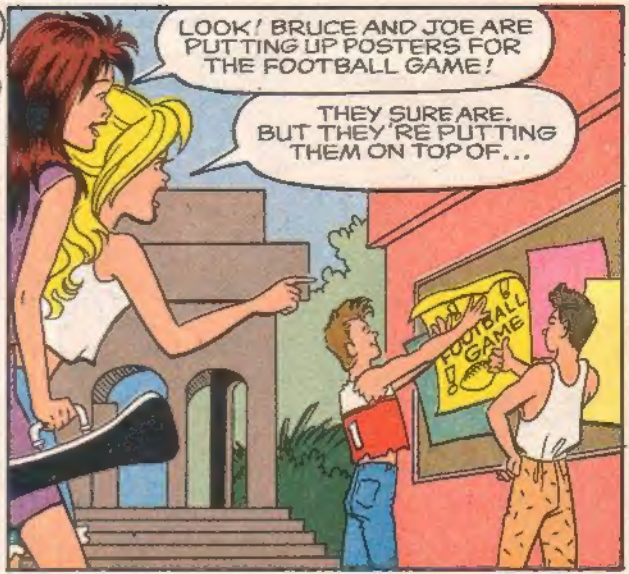
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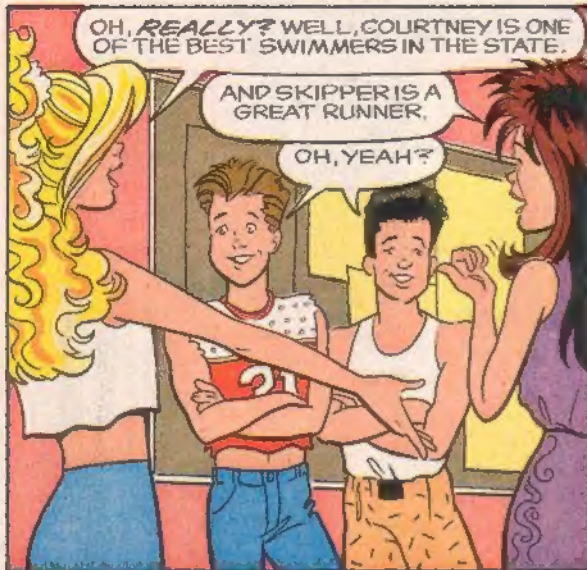
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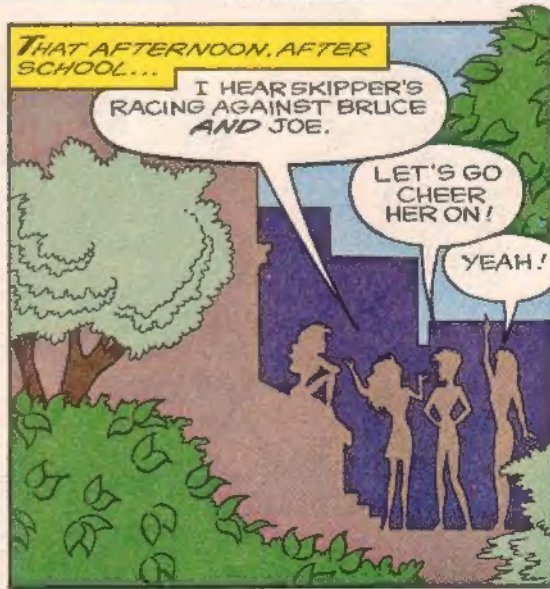


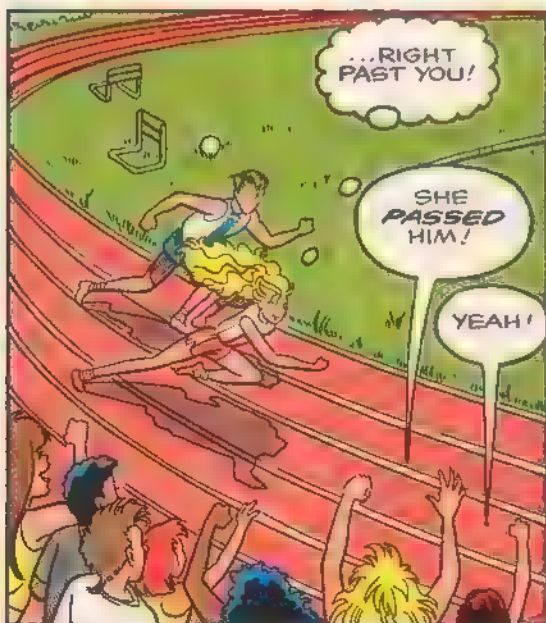
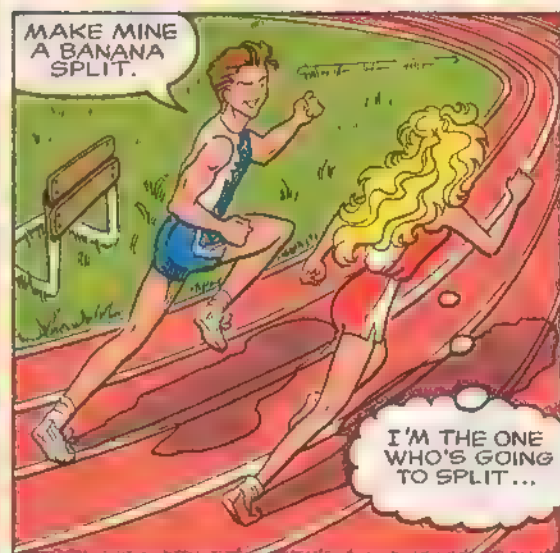
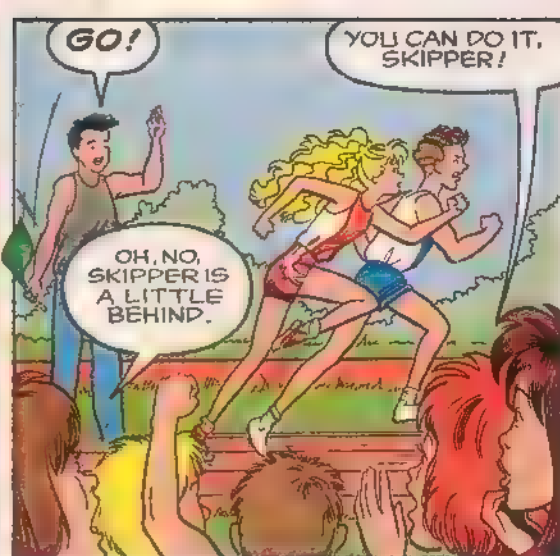
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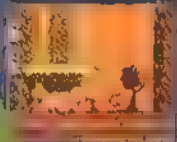
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Flying cups and saucers and clothes that spring to life cause quite a panic... especially when they're coming for you! No a-horrible level challenge to spook attitudinizers, rattlesnakes, skeletons and ghostly bats. Vampires may even be you for a bit to get him... maybe we should skip lunch today.

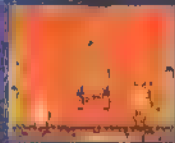
These Netherworld ghoul-o-gamas will watch out as this ghost with a mean over-the-top down!



Haunted House



Netherworld Papermache

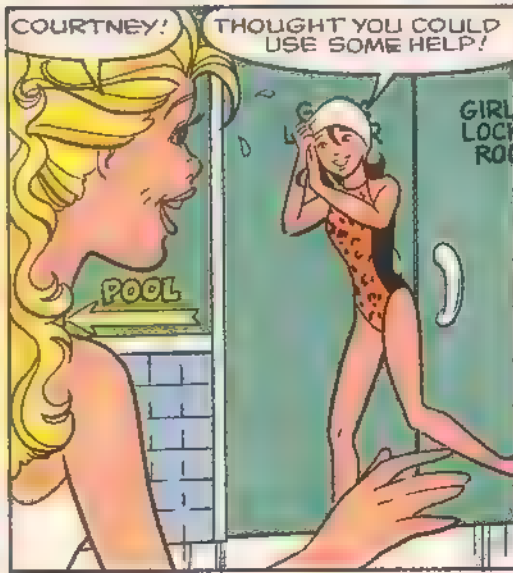
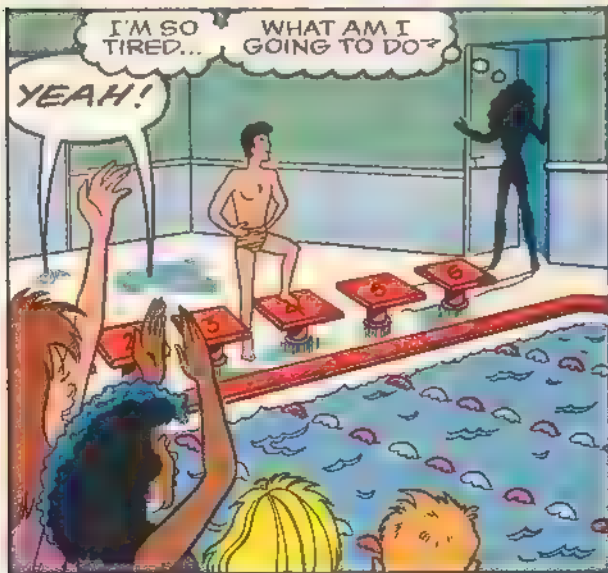
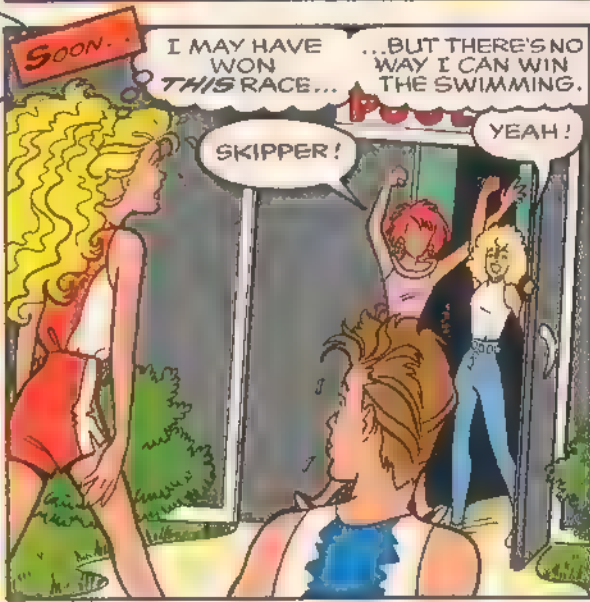
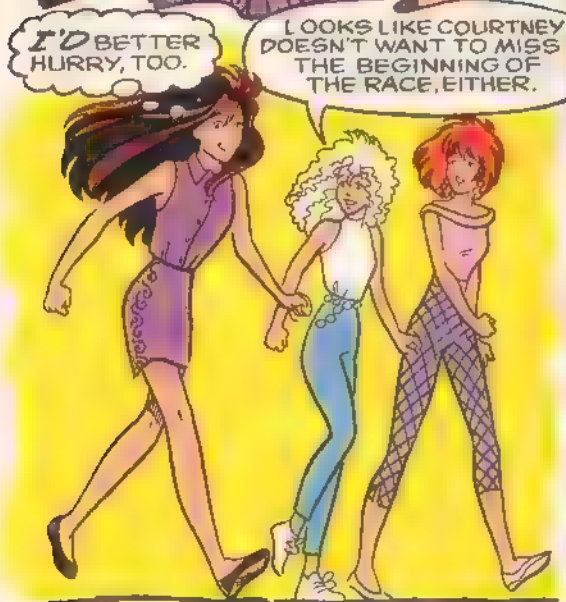
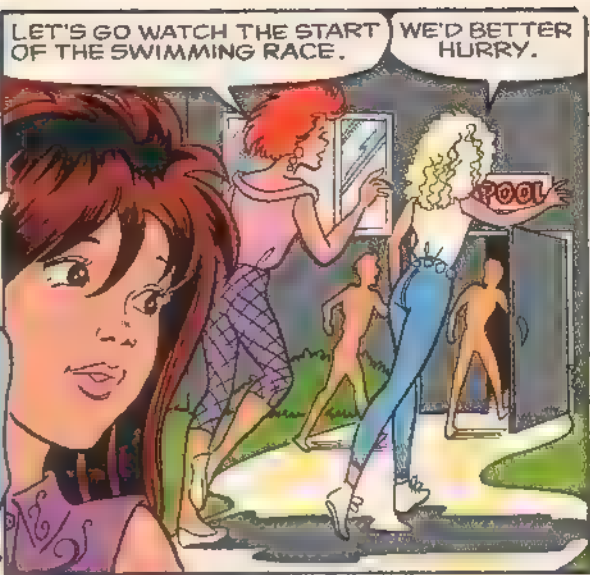
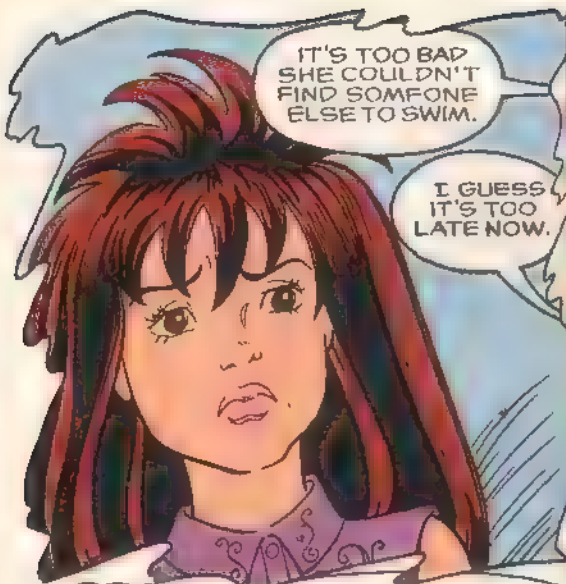


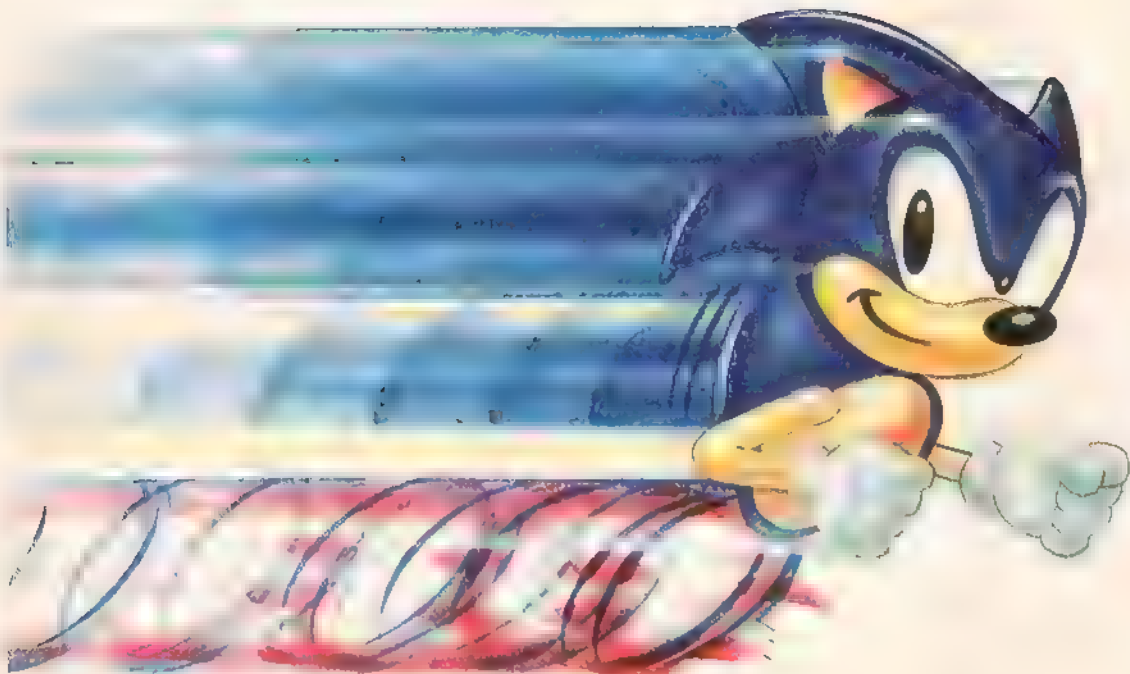
Funny face scare-o!



Check out the
"GHOST WITH
THE MOST"
for your NES™ too!







Think Fast.

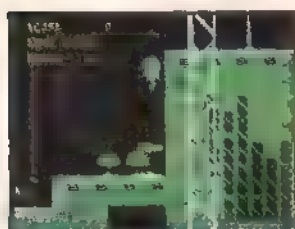
C'mon faster. Because here comes Sonic The Hedgehog.™ He's the fastest critter the world has ever seen, and he's a hedgehog with a major attitude.

Watch him smirk in the face of danger as he blazes his way through hilly pastures, underwater caverns, marble ruins, strange cities and a cybernetic world of enemies in a race to save his buddies.

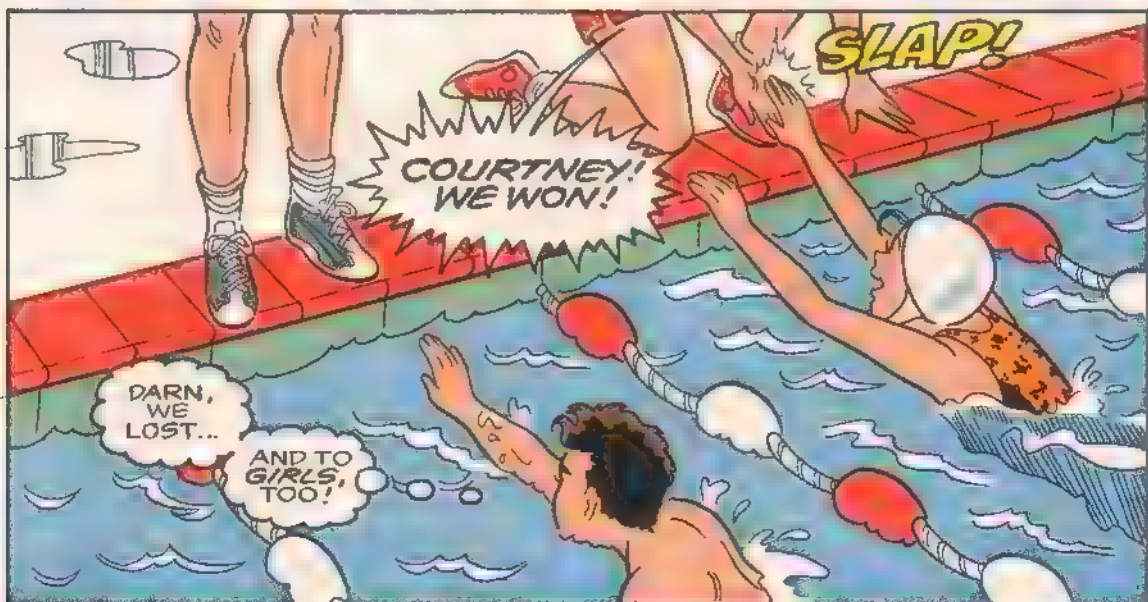
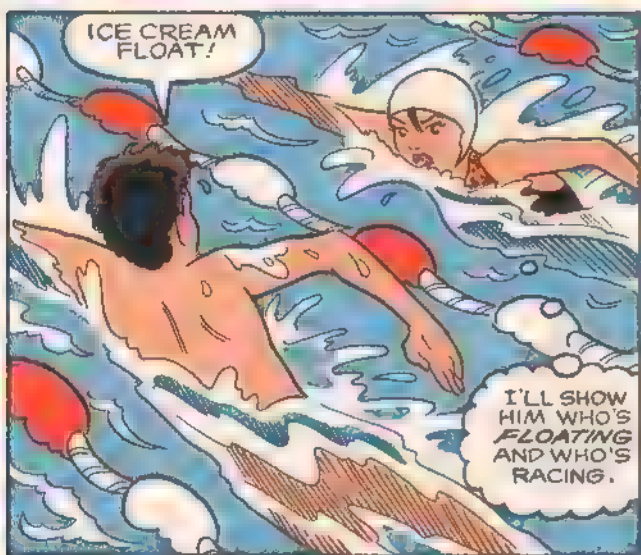
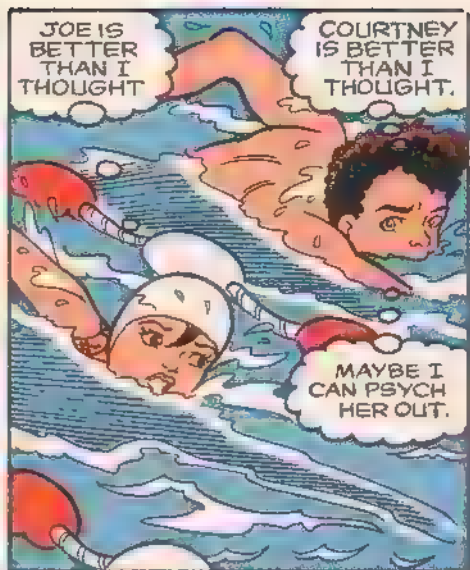
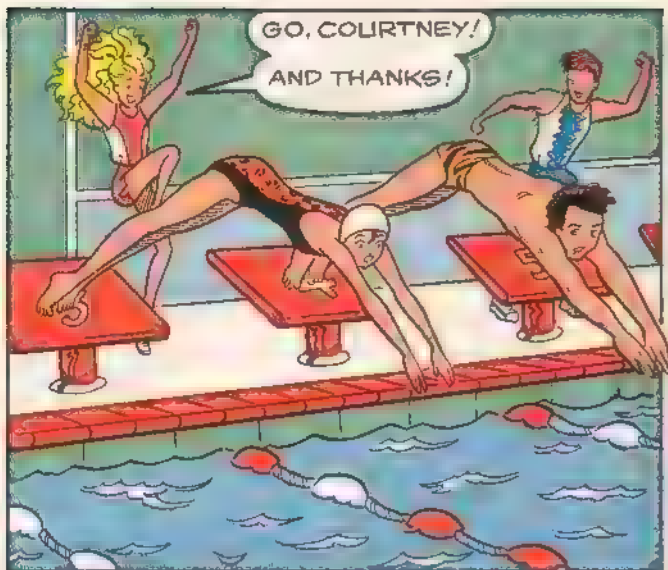
Sonic's got everything a hedgehog could ever want: tricks, gadgets and speed. So don't blink or you might just miss him. Sonic is sold separately or included when you buy a Sega™ Genesis 16-bit system.

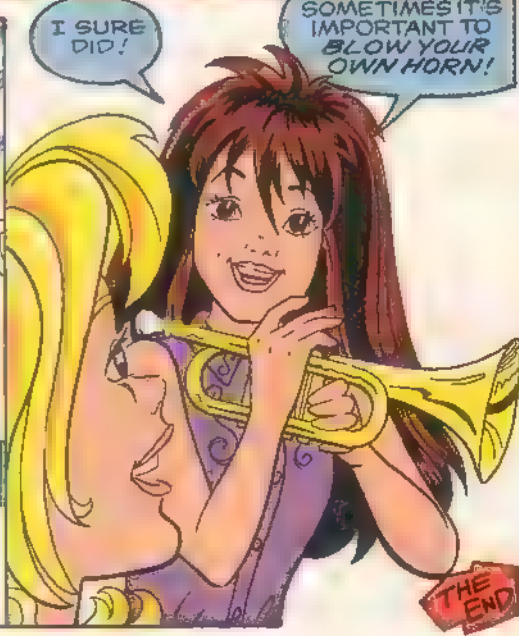
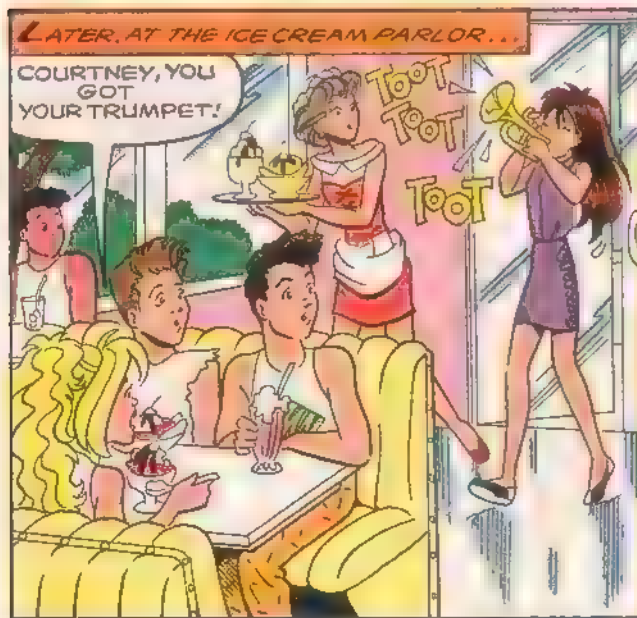
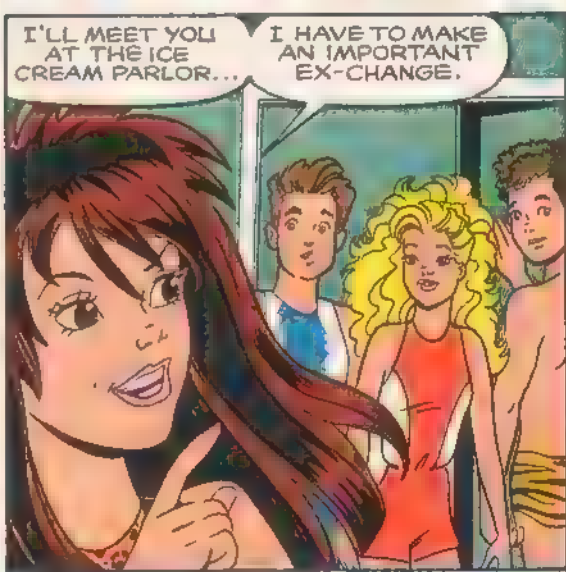
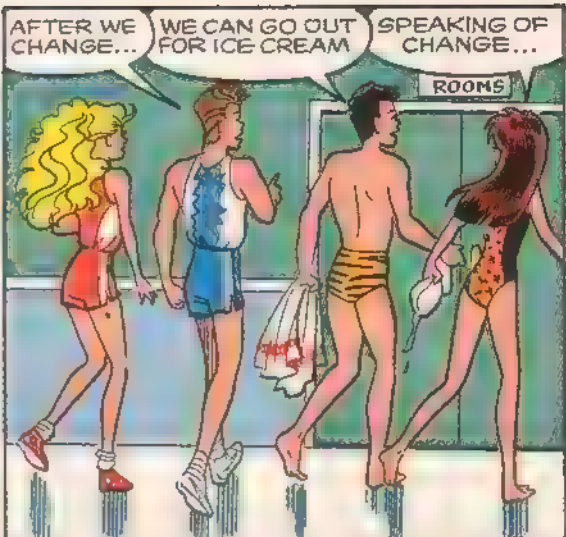
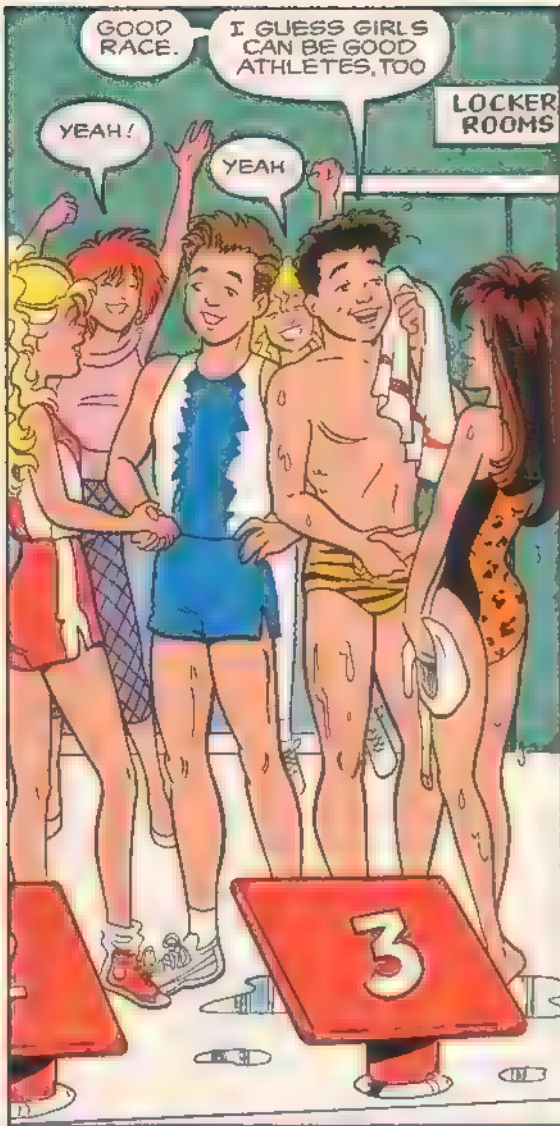
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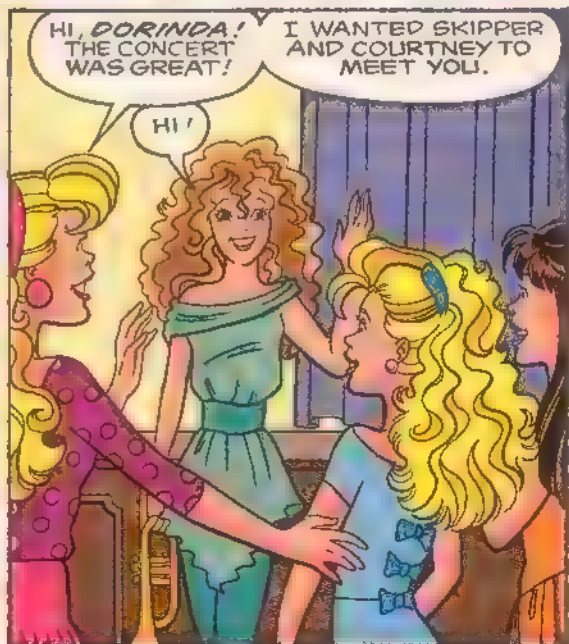
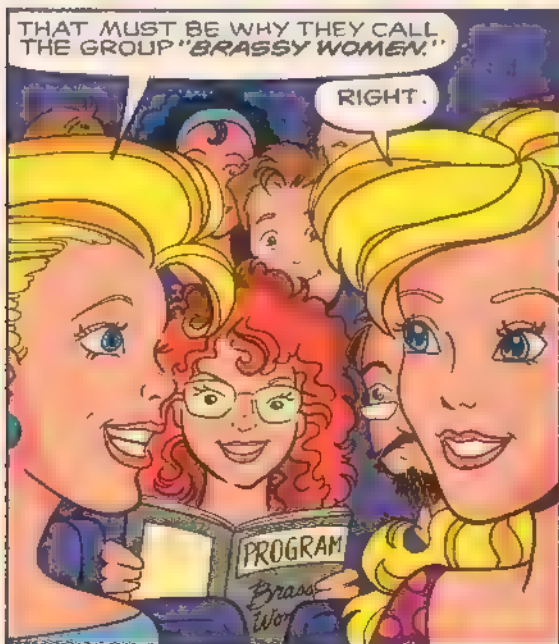


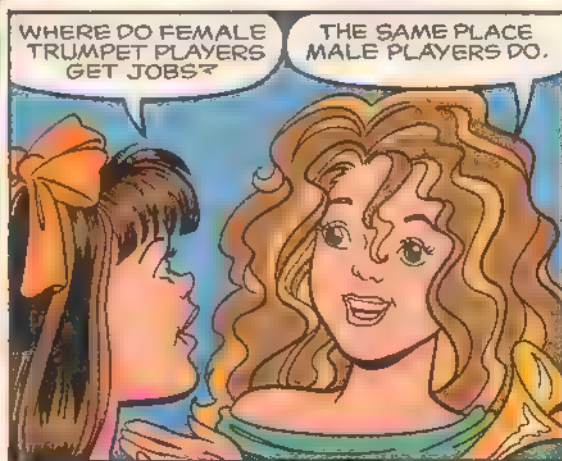
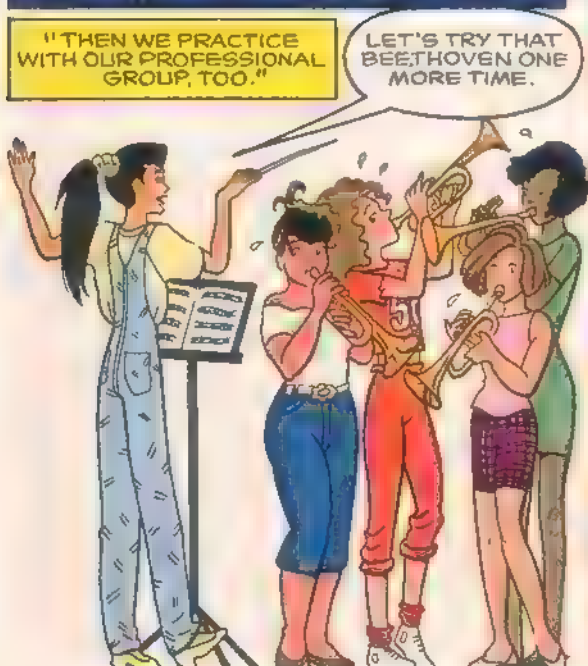
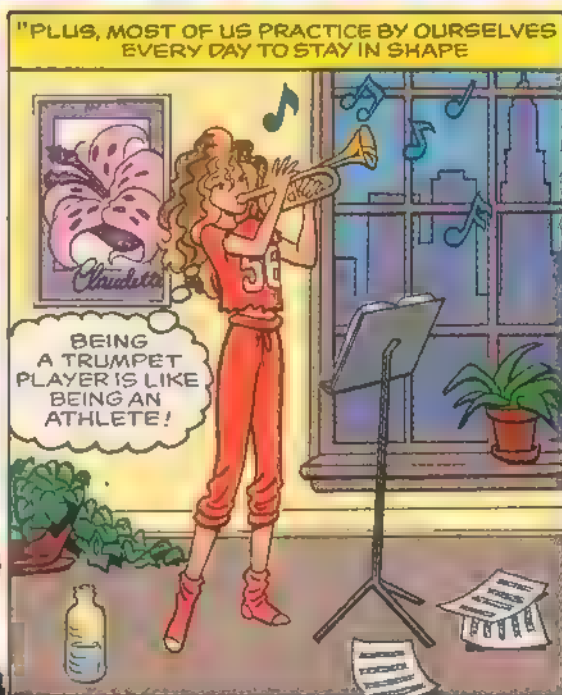
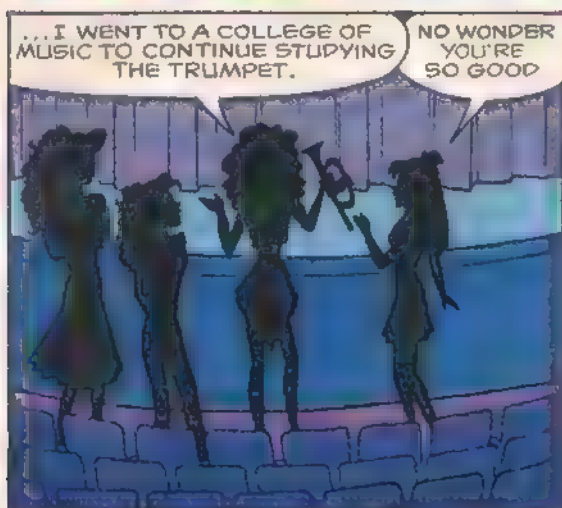
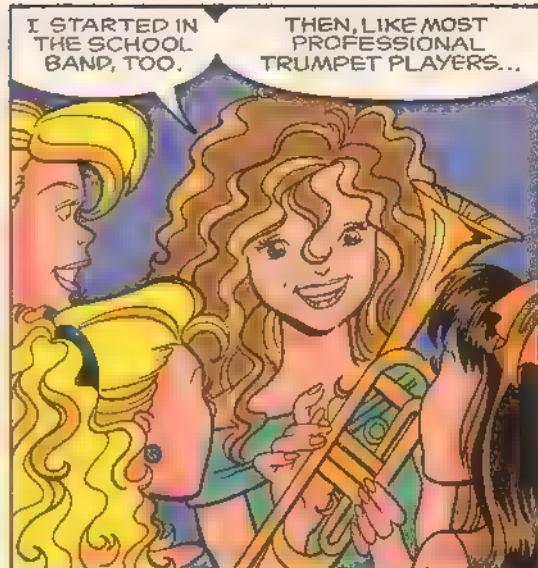
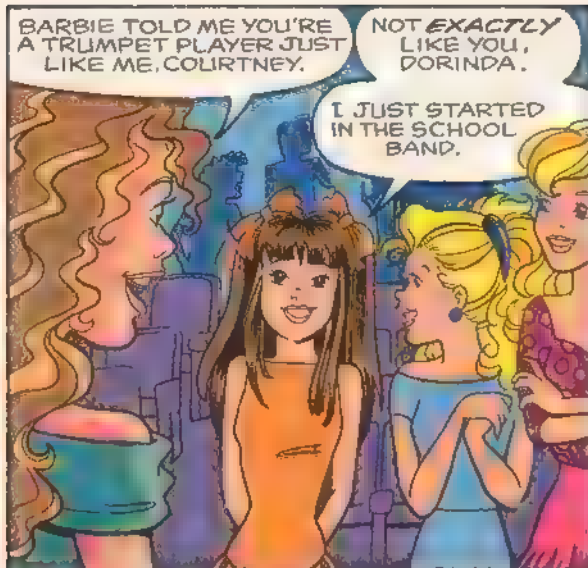
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CAREER QUEST: Meet Dorinda the Trumpet Player!





"WE PLAY DOWN IN THE ORCHESTRA PIT IN BROADWAY SHOWS..

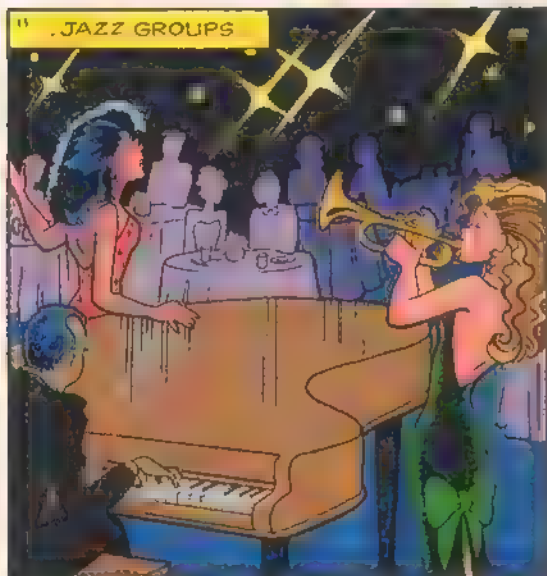


"... IN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS *"

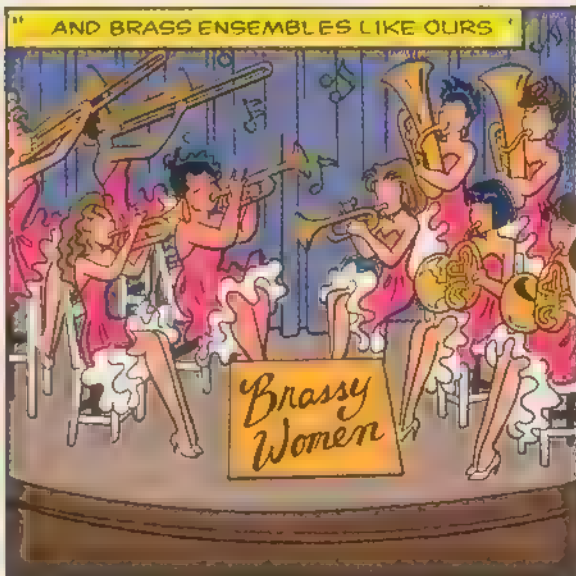


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"... JAZZ GROUPS



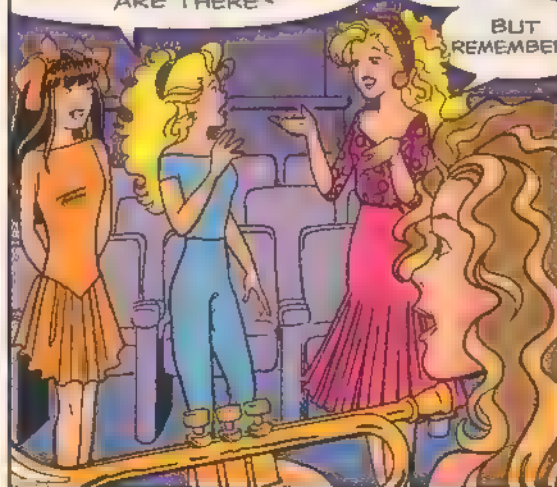
"... AND BRASS ENSEMBLES LIKE OURS "



THERE AREN'T MANY FEMALE TRUMPET PLAYERS IN THE HISTORY BOOKS, ARE THERE?

NO, THERE AREN'T, SKIPPER

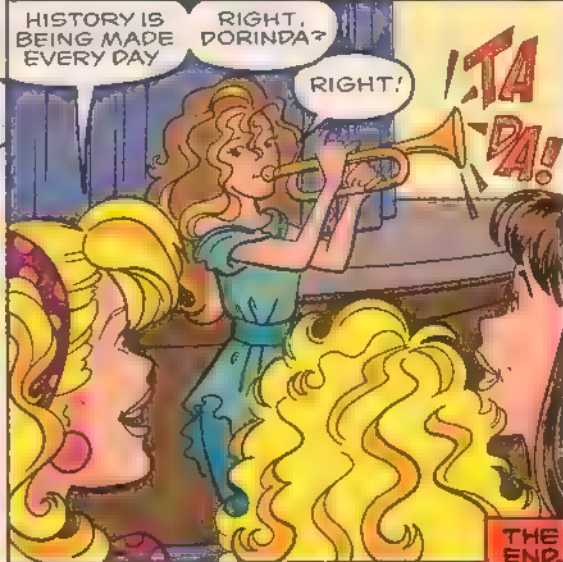
BUT REMEMBER.



HISTORY IS BEING MADE EVERY DAY

RIGHT, DORINDA?

RIGHT!



THE END.

Barbie IN THE HUMAN CHAIN

IT'S SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL DAY
FOR A WALK IN
THE COUNTRY!

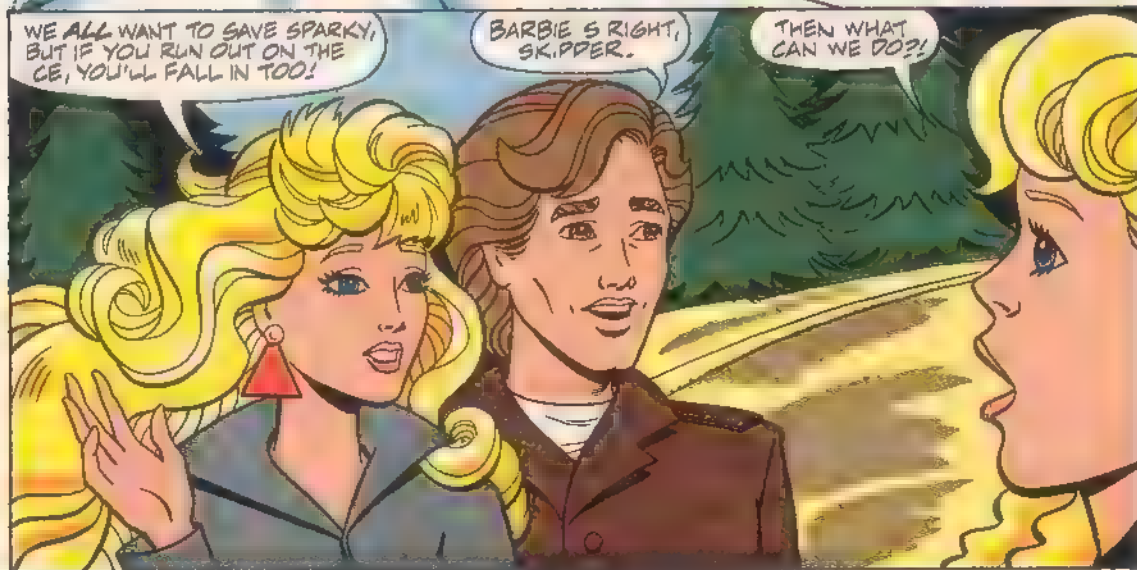
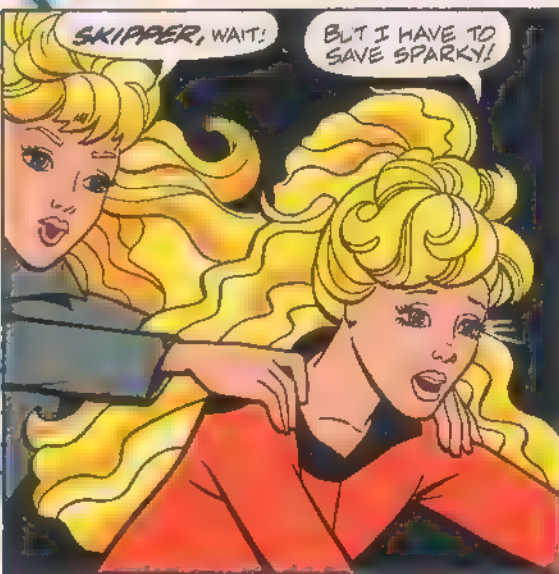
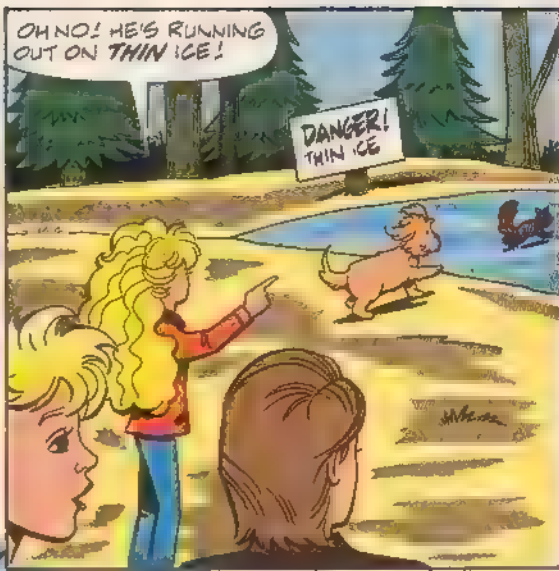
YES IT IS, KEN.
AND SPARKY
SEEMS TO BE
HAVING A GREAT
TIME, TOO!

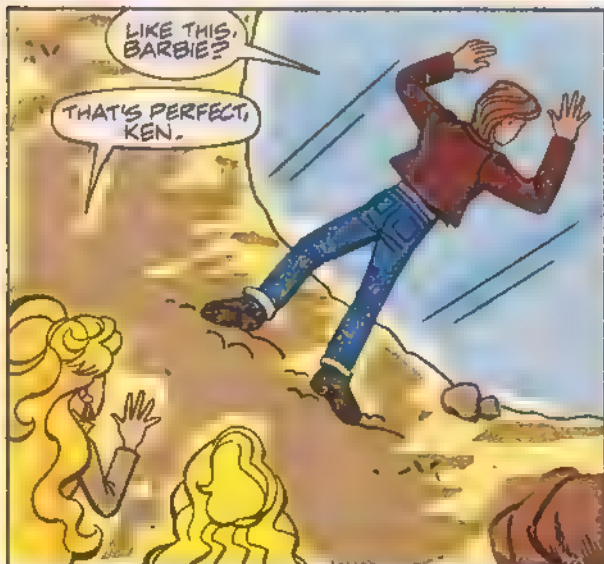
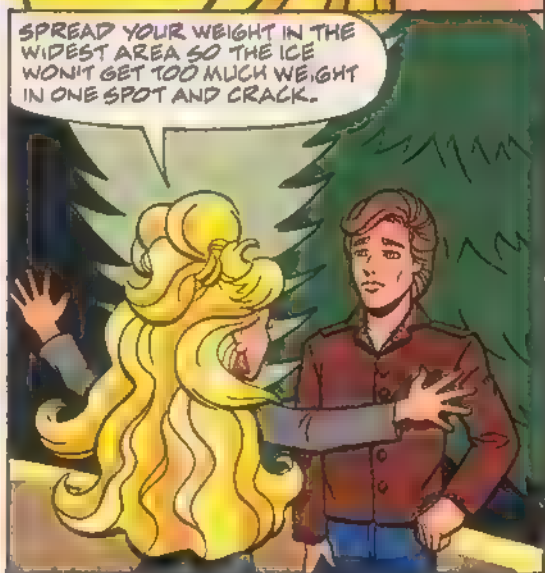
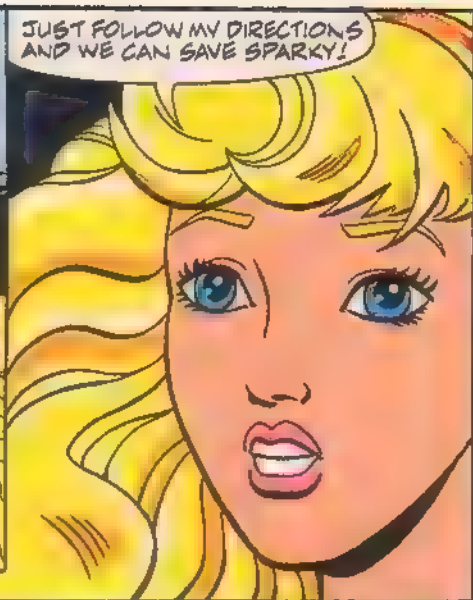
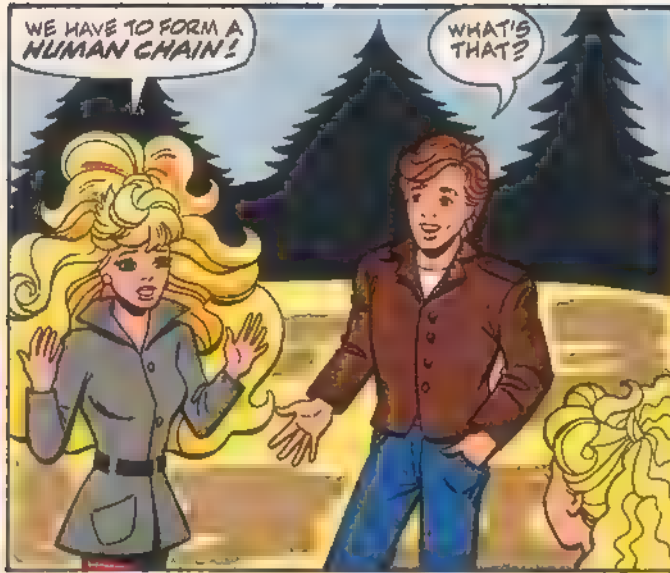
I'M SO HAPPY
MARSHA ASKED
US TO DOGGIE
SIT!



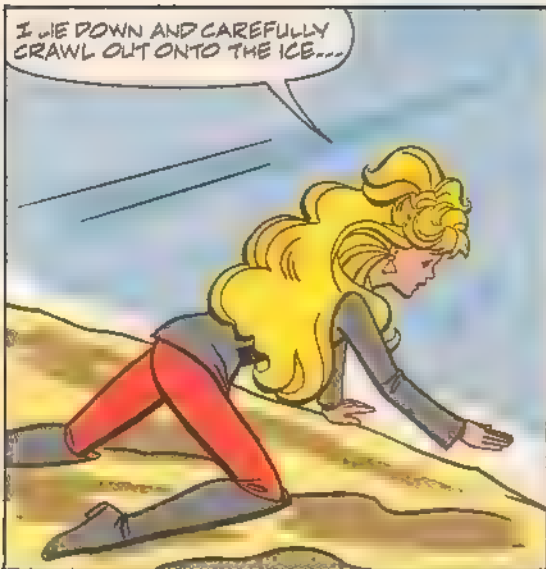
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THIN ICE



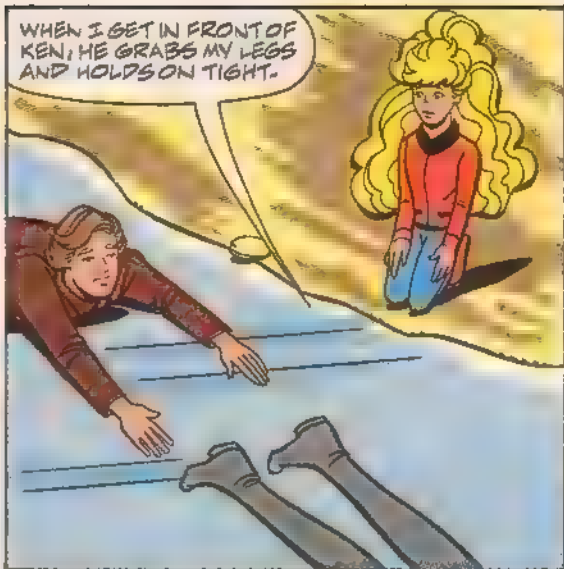




I LIE DOWN AND CAREFULLY
CRAWL OUT ONTO THE ICE...



WHEN I GET IN FRONT OF
KEN, HE GRABS MY LEGS
AND HOLDS ON TIGHT.

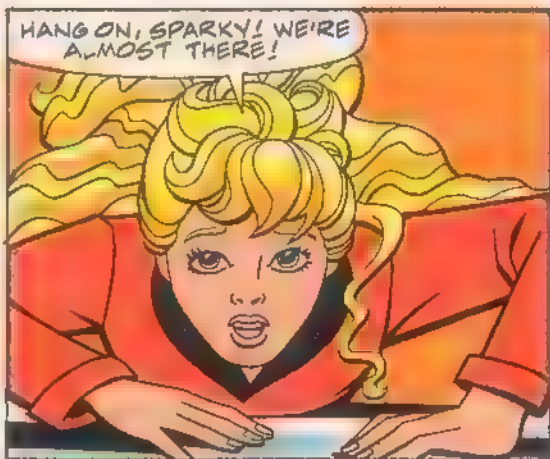


I'VE GOT YOU,
BARBIE!

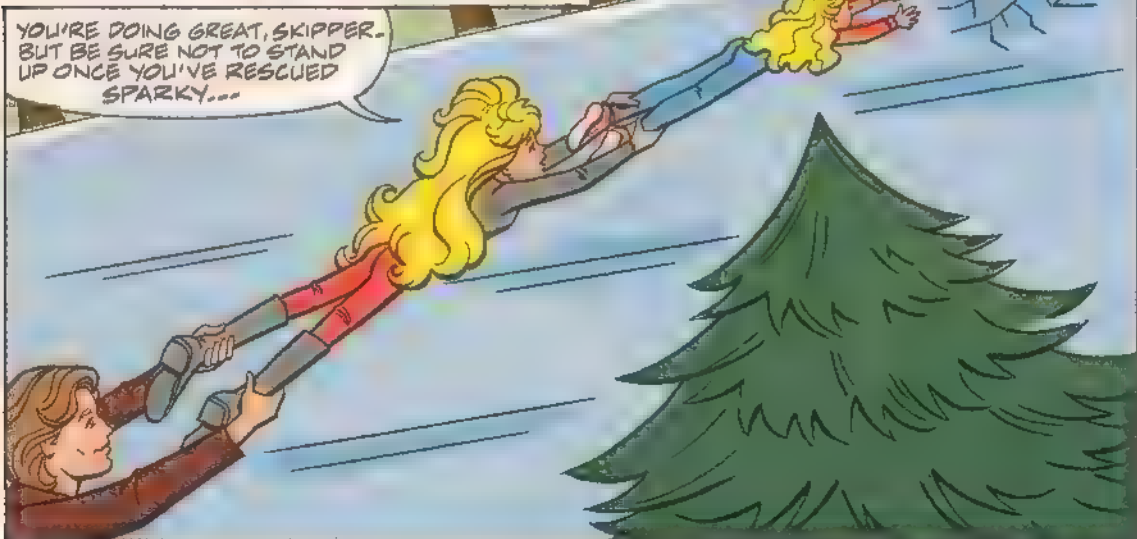
THAT'S GREAT, KEN!
NOW SKIPPER, IT'S
YOUR TURN!

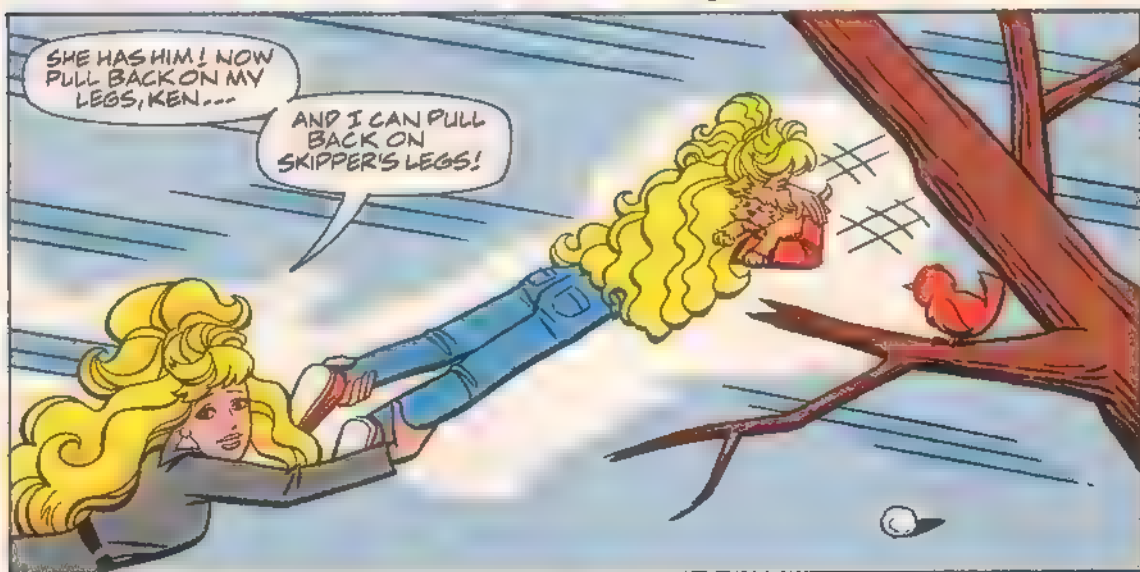
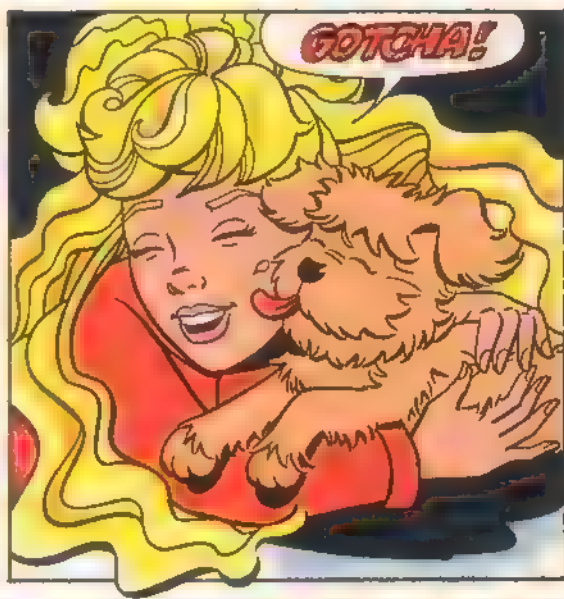
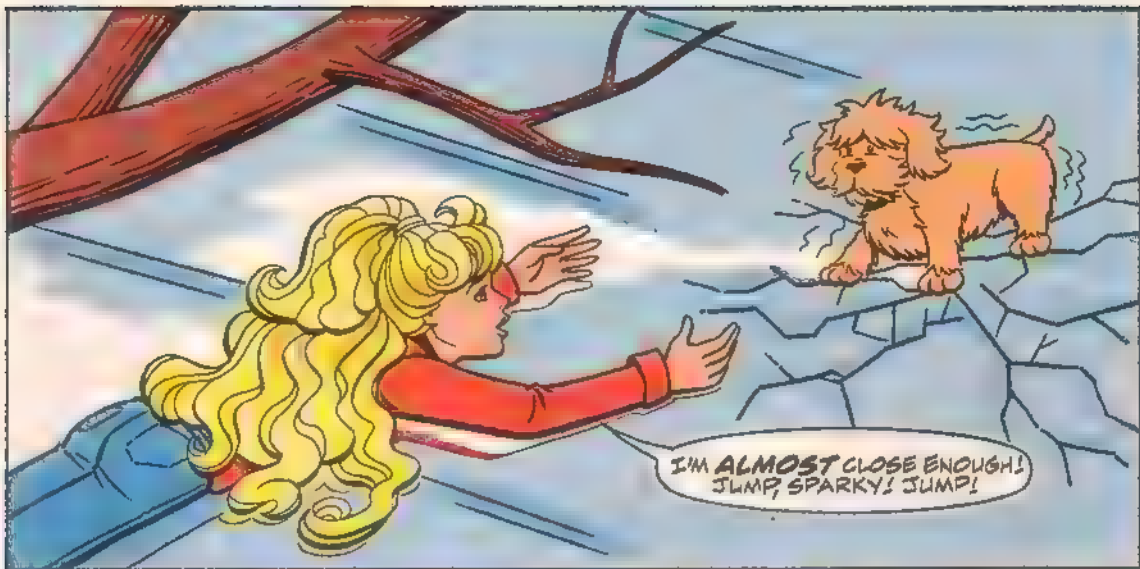


HANG ON, SPARKY! WE'RE
ALMOST THERE!



YOU'RE DOING GREAT, SKIPPER-
BUT BE SURE NOT TO STAND
UP ONCE YOU'VE RESCUED
SPARKY...





BACK IN THE CABIN...

WOW! THAT WAS
QUITE AN
ADVENTURE!

YES, IT WAS! I'M REALLY
GLAD YOU KNEW HOW TO
FORM A HUMAN CHAIN,
BARBIE.

ME TOO! BUT I
NEVER WANT TO
HAVE TO DO
THAT AGAIN!

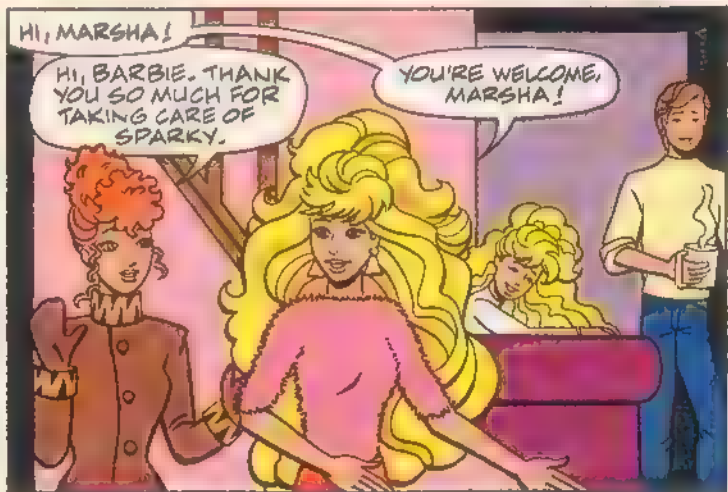
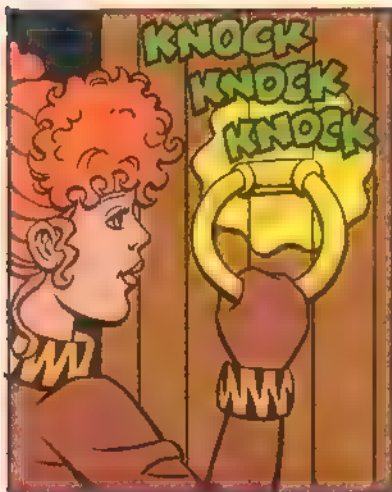


KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK

HI, MARSHA!

HI, BARBIE. THANK
YOU SO MUCH FOR
TAKING CARE OF
SPARKY.

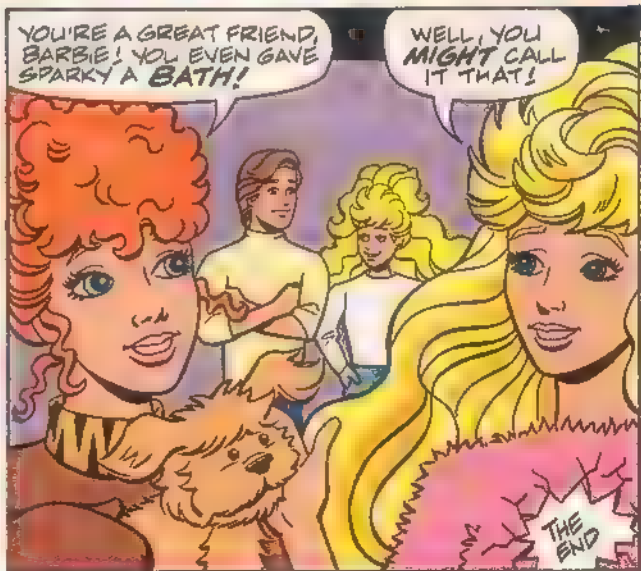
YOU'RE WELCOME,
MARSHA!

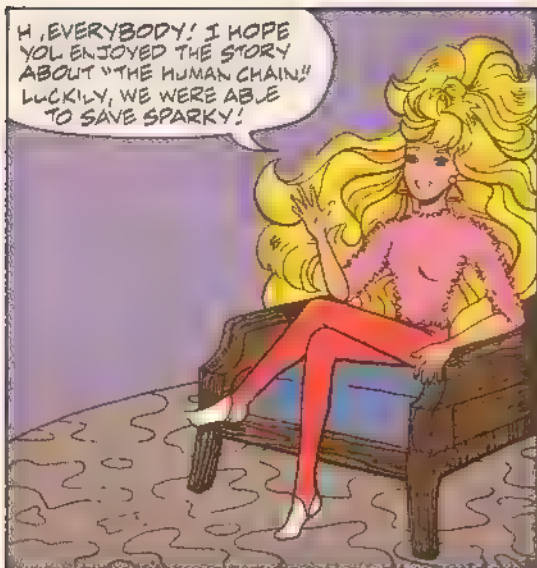


HEY, SPARKY! TIME TO
GO HOME NOW! HMMM...
HE SMELLS SO CLEAN!

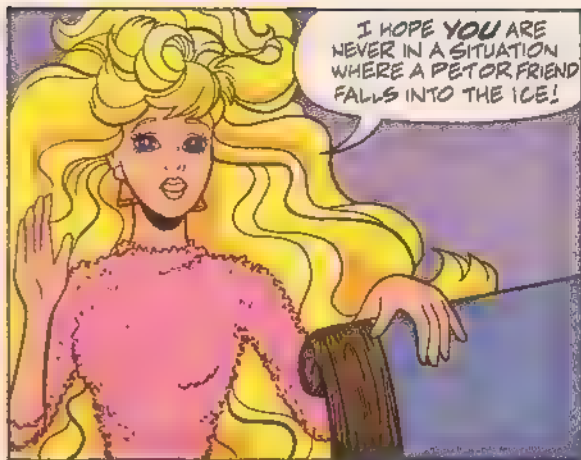
YOU'RE A GREAT FRIEND,
BARBIE! YOU EVEN GAVE
SPARKY A BATH!

WELL, YOU
MIGHT CALL
IT THAT!





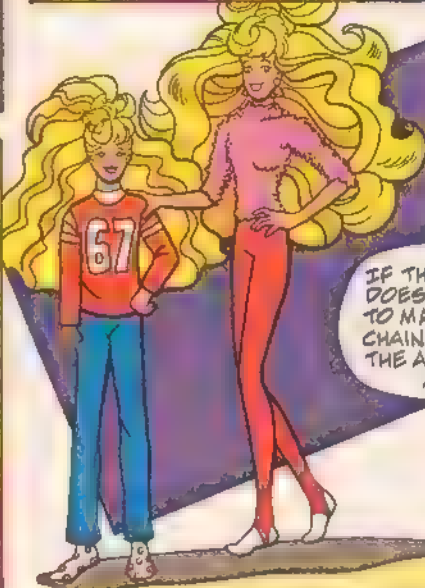
H, EVERYBODY! I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE STORY ABOUT "THE HUMAN CHAIN!" LUCKILY, WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE SPARKY!



I HOPE YOU ARE NEVER IN A SITUATION WHERE A PET OR FRIEND FALLS INTO THE ICE!

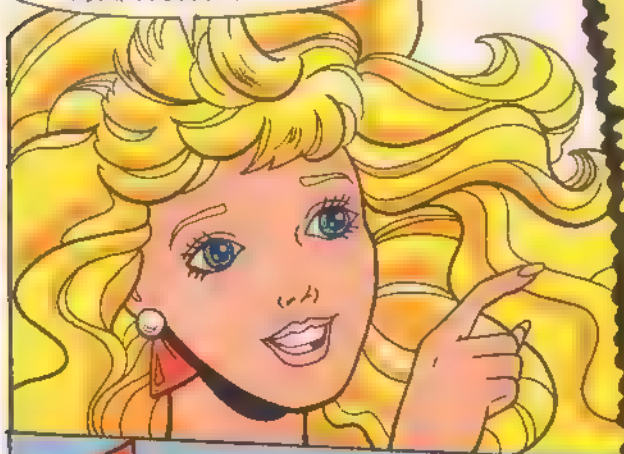


BUT IF YOU ARE, BE SURE NOT TO RUN OUT ONTO THE ICE, BECAUSE YOU COULD FALL IN, TOO! INSTEAD, QUICKLY GET THE AID OF AN ADULT.



IF THE GROWN-UP DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE A HUMAN CHAIN, YOU CAN TELL THE ADULT ALL ABOUT IT!

REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT RULES WHEN FORMING A HUMAN CHAIN:



1. THE PERSON WEIGHING THE MOST IS CLOSEST TO SHORE.
2. SPREAD YOUR WEIGHT EVENLY WHEN CRAWLING ONTO THE ICE.
3. HOLD THE PERSON'S LEGS TIGHTLY IN FRONT OF YOU.
4. AFTER THE RESCUE, DO NOT STAND. PULL THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU BY THE LEGS.



IF THE ADULT FEELS IT IS BEST TO CALL THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THAT A HUMAN CHAIN IS TOO DANGEROUS, LISTEN TO THE ADULT!

Barbie

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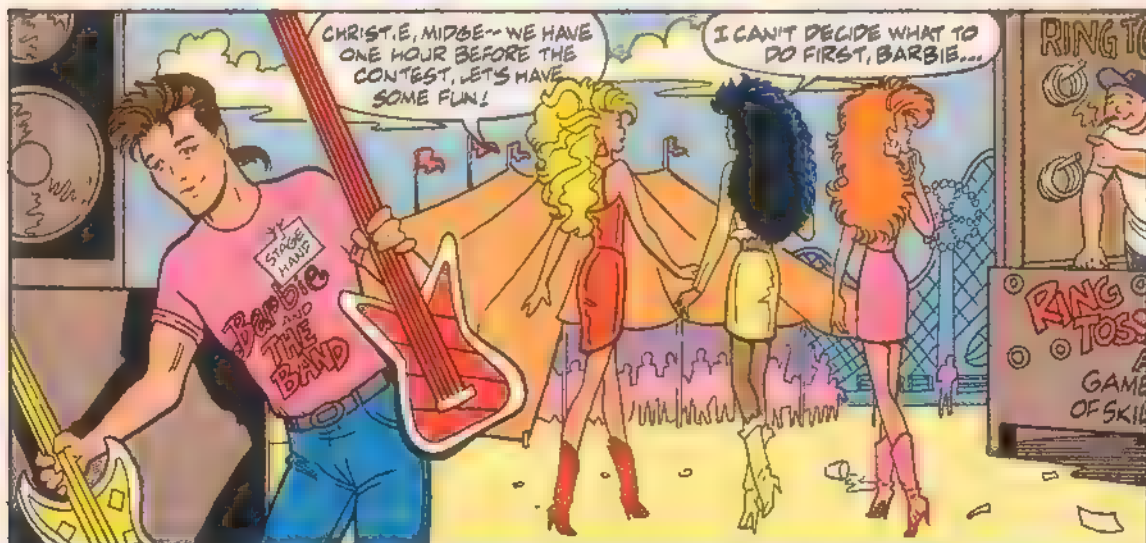
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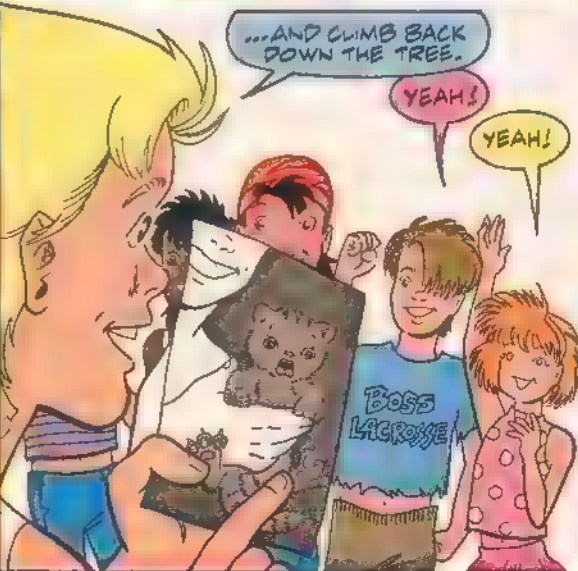
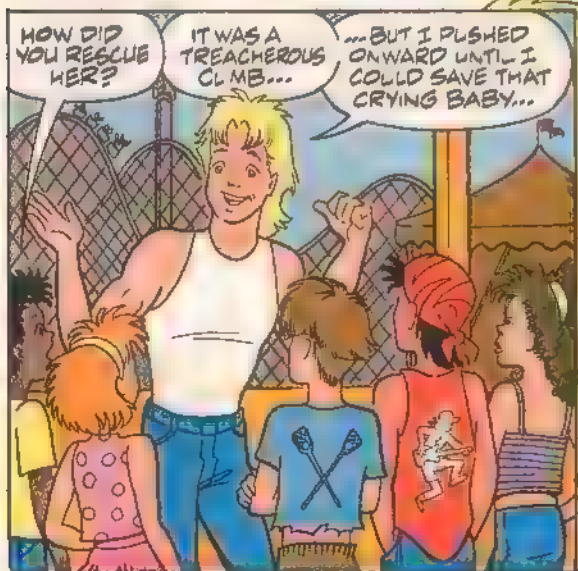
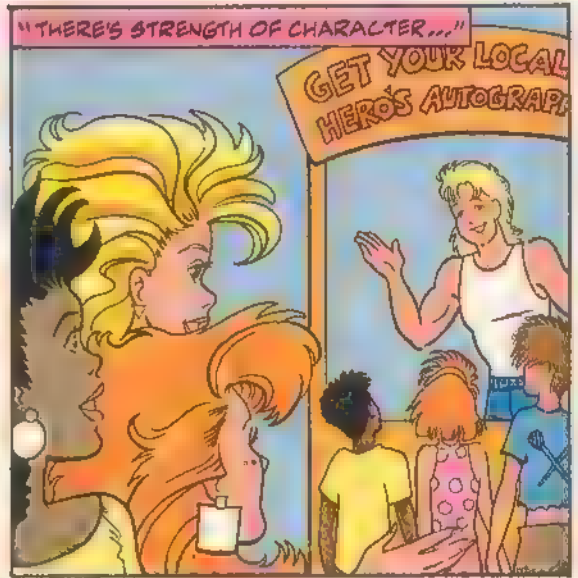
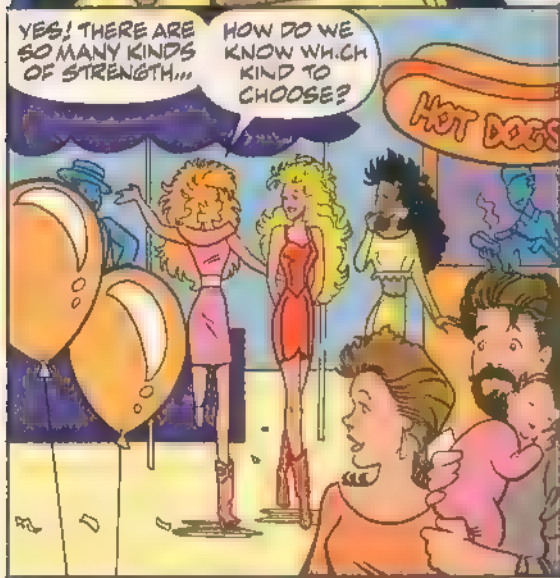
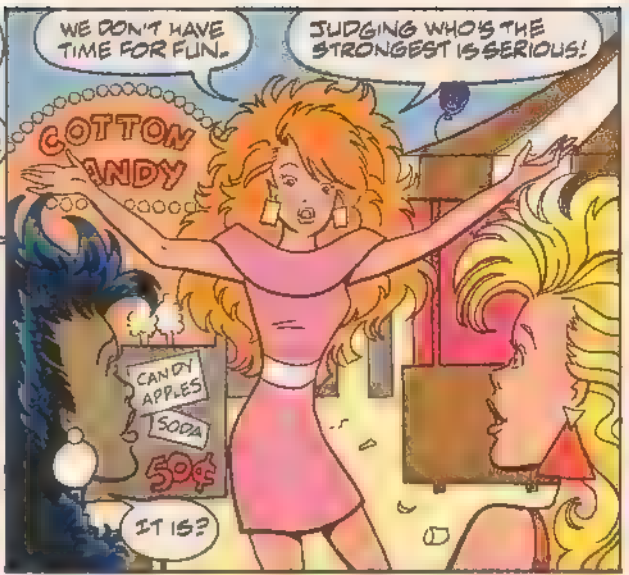
YOU'RE ALL INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE MAIN ARENA WHERE WE'LL JUDGE A CONTEST OF STRENGTH!

WE'LL BE THERE, BARBE!

WE LOVE YOU, BARBIE!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes,

Here's indisputable proof that we really read the letters you send and that your suggestions are important to us! During the past year, I've gotten tons of mail about the Spider-Man strip which appears in more than 500 papers daily and Sunday. You know what most of the writers kept demanding? They insisted that we use other Marvel characters as guest stars! And here's the proof I promised. If you pick up any of those 500 plus newspapers right now, you'll witness the suspenseful climax of Spidey's challenge to Dr. Doom! That's right, believe it or not, Dr. Doom! But the menacing monarch of

Latveria is only the first of a whole line of Marvel guest stars coming up in Spidey's newspaper strip, in response to *your* requests! In just another few weeks, our amazing arachnid's next major battle will bring him face to face with none other than everyone's favorite master of the mystic arts, the weird but wonderful Dr. Strange! And that's just for starters. So never let it be said that you, the mighty Marvel reader, don't snap your fingers and make us hop! Hey, by the way, if there are any special guest stars you'd like to see in any upcoming strips, just send your suggestion directly to the editor of your local newspaper. He'll tabulate your votes and send us the results — and it'll give me more time to write the stories instead of

opening a zillion envelopes! And if, through some grievous oversight or monumental error, your local newspaper isn't carrying Spidey's daily and Sunday episodes, just write the editor a letter telling how you feel about being deprived of some of Spidey's most offbeat adventures, especially since our webhead's finally going gung-ho with a pandemonious plethora of the world's greatest stars! But that's enough homework for you for now. So, till next ish, have the happiest of New Years and wherever you go, whatever you do — think Marvel!

Excelsior!



Stan Lee

What? January already? We haven't finished breaking all our resolutions from last year yet! It seems you just can't go 365 days without another year passing by.

One thing you won't want to pass by is GROC THE WANDERER, the hilarious barbarian comic that reminds us just how funny cheese dip is. Starting with Issue #87, GROC will only be available in comics specialty shops and by subscription. GROC-creator Sergio Aragones (not to be confused with fashion designer Sergio Valenti) was concerned that his loyal newsstand readers wouldn't be able to find GROC, so he asked us to mention it here on the page. That's why Sergio did that GROC illustration for the BP page last month, although we forgot to tell you why till this month! Guess we committed a GROC-ism! That's a little inside joke for readers of GROC. And if you're not a reader of GROC, you should be! It features some of the funniest barbarian hi-jinx since the time Conan crashed one of those rich high-society dinner parties!

The Avengers won't be throwing any parties for a while — not since we held the Avengers summit in update New York last September. This was a one-day out-of-office retreat by the writers and editors of all the Avengers titles to plot out the massive 19-part extravaganza, *Operation: Galactic Storm*, beginning this month. (It would have run 20 parts, but we cut out one of the fight scenes.) This is an epic outer space saga featuring a war between the Kree and the Shi'ar, which will cross over into both Avengers books, plus THOR, CAPTAIN AMERICA, QUASAR, WONDER MAN, IRON MAN, and BARBIE FASHION. (Just kidding about that last one — we wanted to see if you were paying attention.)

Among those present at the retreat: editors Tom DeFalco, Mark Gruenwald, Ralph Macchio, Bob Harras, Nel Yomtov, Kelly Corvese, and Fabian Nicieza, WONDER MAN writer Gerard Jones, AVENGERS WEST COAST chronicler Roy Thomas, and brand-new IRON MAN scribe Len Kaminski. (None of the above-named Marveloids is to be confused with funnyman Nipsey Russell.) Together, these men have concocted a storyline so vast in scope, so complex in theme, so convoluted in comparison to a flat plane, that it makes GONE WITH THE WIND look like an epic.

Another truly monumental event occurred here at mighty Marvel recently, as legendary inker Joe Sinnott (not to be confused with Frank Sinatra) celebrated his 65th birthday. About thirty of Joe's closest friends and biggest fans got together for a big combination semi-retirement/semi-birthday bash. Photos of the event appear in this month's MARVEL AGE

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MAGAZINE, along with an in-depth interview with Joe "Boy, have I got a lot of stories to tell!" Sinnott himself. We'd like to wish Joe all the best. He's truly one of the greats. In fact, even though he's semi-retired we think it would be a sin not to give him more work. (Okay, so we're allowed one bad joke per page.)

We interrupt this Bullpen Page for a special request from our Submissions Department. If you have work you would like to submit to Marvel, PLEASE DO NOT CALL US. Any aspiring writers and artists are requested to MAIL in their work to us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. We will then look over your work and give you a response. The phones have just been ringing off the floors lately, and we've been so busy taking calls, we haven't had time to look over your work! If you're really good, SHOW us, don't TELL us how good you are.

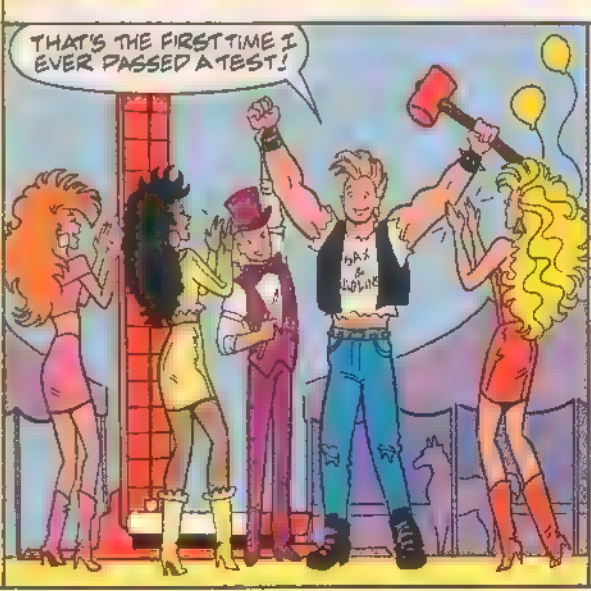
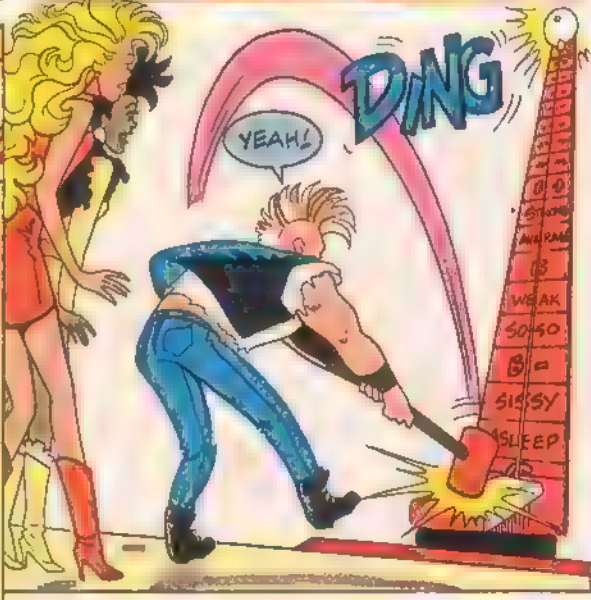
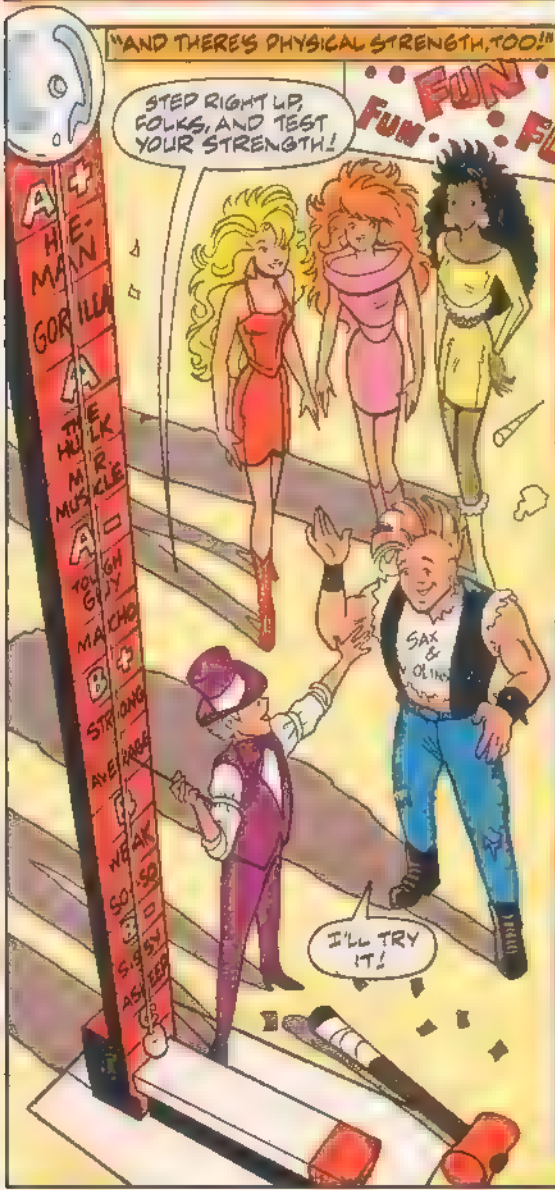
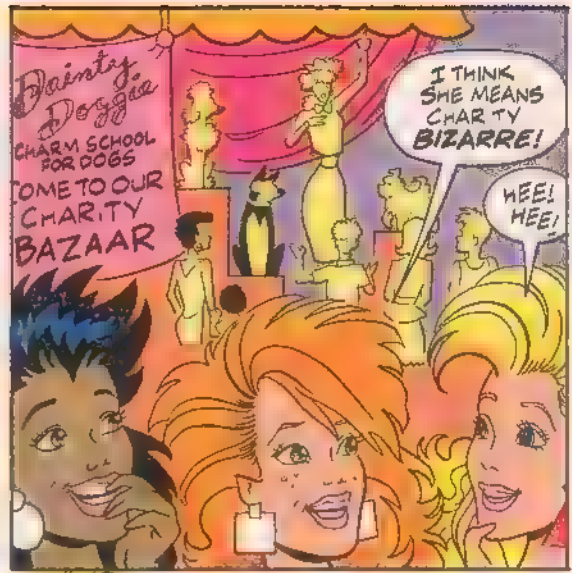
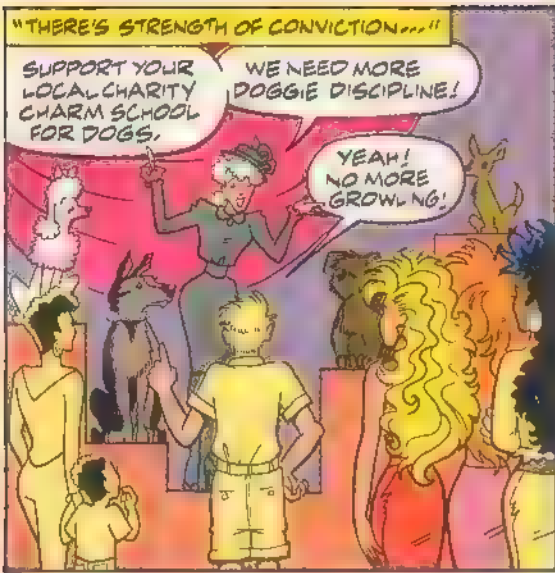
We now return you to your regularly scheduled Bullpen Page, already in progress.

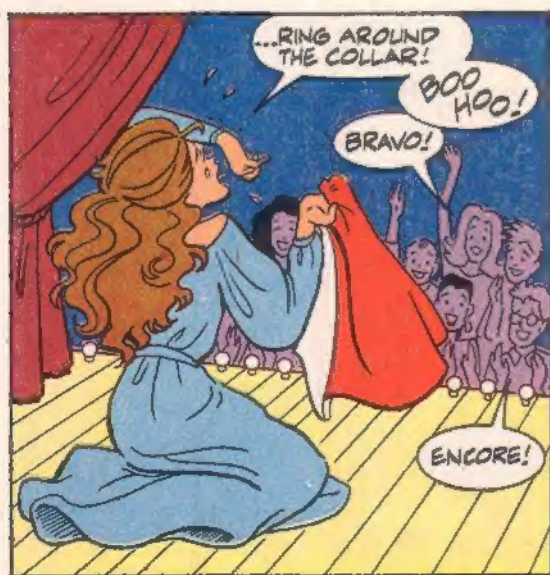
...and so DeFalco said, "Yeah, I'll believe that — when NIGHT NURSE gets her own book again!"

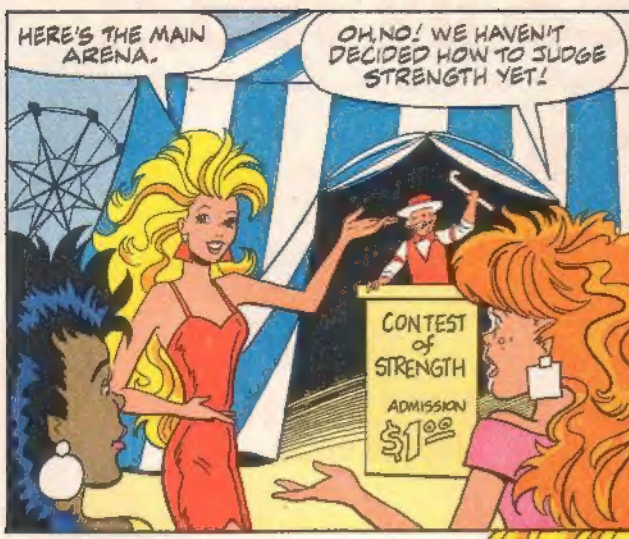
One guy who's got something better than his own book is Mike Lackey (not to be confused with Bob Mackie, the guy who used to design the dresses on the old Carol Burnett show). Mike, as you'll recall, was famous for having the smallest desk here at Marvel. Well, people can no longer scoff at Mike and say his is smaller than everyone else's, as he now has an actual, honest-to-gosh, sturdy enough to put his feet up on desk! Mike now shares an office with Kelly Corvese (not to be confused with Telly Savalas), while still serving as MARVEL AGE assistant editor to Rense Witterstaetter (not to be confused with our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Widdersstrom).

We're running short on space, so in passing, we'll note that the lovely and talented executive editor Bob Budiansky (not to be confused with Buddy Hackett) recently got married to the lovelier and more talented Angela Goodman, and that HULK-writer Peter David (not to be confused with the brilliant novelist David Peters) and his wife, non-HULK-writer Myra David, recently gave birth to a little mermaid named Ariel. Congratulations, all!

In closing, we would like to leave you with our foremost New Year's resolution. We resolve that this year, mighty Marvel will not resort to any cheap gimmicks to sell our books. We will not do any multiple covers, glow-in-the-dark covers, 3-D covers, hologram covers, embossed covers, peanut butter and jelly covers, or any tacky promotional tricks to sell our ... What's that? You folks like all those special format covers? Then forget the resolution — no sooner made than broken!







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BELOW!



BUSTER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SAVE BABS FROM MONTANA MAX BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

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Luckily he's got the help of his kooky pals Dizzy Devil, Furrball and Plucky Duck. And how! Dizzy Devil spins himself silly to break through rock solid walls. Furrball climbs straight up walls. And Plucky swims and glides through the air like a... duck. Along with Buster's powerful bounce, Monty will be toast!

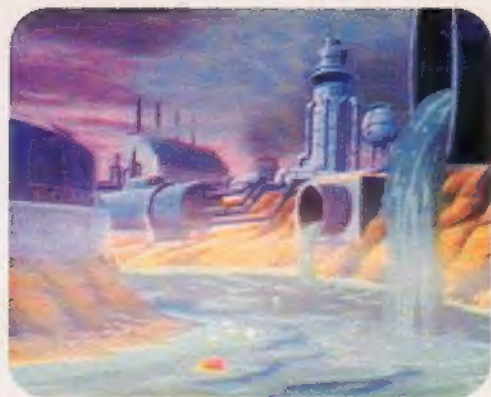
Maybe. Six hairy scary levels show you a gazillion ways that Monty will try to trip you up. He's hired a gang of goofballs gone bad to greet you, like the ever clever Roderick Rat, iron-pumping Arnold the Pitbull and hug-happy Elmyra. If that weren't enough, you've got to beat the clock as you struggle through haunted forests, creepy pirate ships, secret chambers and finally Monty's Mansion.

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